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I). AFP, AP, and Reuters News AgenciesPentagon Admits Holding Iraqi in Secret

1 hour, 39 minutes ago

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=514&e=6&u=/ap/20040617/ap_on_go_ca_st_pe/secret_prisoner

WASHINGTON - The military improperly held a suspected Iraqi terrorist in secret for more than seven months, Pentagon ([news](#) - [web sites](#)) officials acknowledged Wednesday.

Europe Keeps Pressure on Iran Over Nukes

Wed Jun 16, 4:57 PM ET

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=535&ncid=535&e=4&u=/ap/20040616/ap_on_re_mi_ea/nuclear_agency_iran

VIENNA, Austria - Europe's three major powers shrugged off Iranian threats of retaliation Wednesday and put the final touches on a tough resolution rebuking Tehran for continued nuclear cover-ups.

Jordanian Said to Have Wide Terror Links

Wed Jun 16, 5:39 PM ET

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=535&ncid=535&e=20&u=/ap/20040616/ap_on_re_mi_ea/wanted_zargawi

WASHINGTON - U.S. forces appear to be ramping up their pursuit of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, considered the most dangerous foreign fighter in Iraq ([news](#) - [web sites](#)) and one among the small fraternity of the world's top terrorists.

US investigation finds no sign of Iraqi help for al-Qaeda

Wed Jun 16, 6:03 PM ET

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=1511&ncid=1511&e=2&u=/afp/20040616/wl_afp/us_attacks_040616220357

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The official investigation into the September 11, 2001 attacks cast doubt on US administration claims of links between Iraq ([news](#) - [web sites](#)) and al-Qaeda used to justify last year's invasion.

CIA Director Meets With Egypt's President

Wed Jun 16, 7:09 PM ET

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=540&ncid=723&e=1&u=/ap/20040616/ap_on_re_mi_ea/egypt_us_palestinians

CAIRO, Egypt - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak ([news](#) - [web sites](#)) met with CIA ([news](#) - [web sites](#)) Director George Tenet on Wednesday to discuss Egypt's role in assisting the Palestinians after Israel withdraws from the Gaza Strip ([news](#) - [web sites](#)).

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II). Major U.S. Papers*The Washington Post***Prison Guards Dispirited by Scandal**

Thursday, June 17, 2004; Page A01

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dvn/articles/A47810-2004Jun16.html>

Dozens of military police officers interviewed during the past two weeks at Camp Bucca and Abu Ghraib described feelings of anger, resentment and frustration about being caught up in a scandal that they had no part in.

*The New York Times***Radical Iraqi Cleric Orders His Fighters to Put Down Their Arms**

Published: June 17, 2004

<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/06/17/international/middleeast/17iraq.html>

BAGHDAD, Iraq, June 16 - Moktada al-Sadr, the Shiite cleric whose militiamen have tormented American soldiers in Iraq with ambushes and rocket attacks for nearly three months, ordered his fighters on Wednesday to put down their arms and go home.

Bush Envoy Puts Latin Post, and a Stormy Past, Behind Him

Published: June 17, 2004

<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/06/17/international/americas/17reic.html>

MEXICO CITY, June 16 - Otto J. Reich, President Bush's special envoy to Latin America, resigned on Wednesday, taking with him a lifetime of experience fighting Fidel Castro and other opponents of American foreign policy.

*International Herald Tribune***Iran warns of renewed enrichment of uranium**

Thursday, June 17, 2004

<http://www.iht.com/articles/525291.html>

Iran threatened Wednesday to resume its enrichment of uranium — a prerequisite for making nuclear weapons — if, as expected, the International Atomic Energy Agency passes a resolution rebuking it for not cooperating with the UN watchdog group



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III) AFRICA NEWSU.S. Struggles to Address Situation in Sudan

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200406161004.html>

With an estimated 30,000 killed, and two million displaced by Arab militias in Darfur, western Sudan, the U.S. has vowed to increase pressure on the Khartoum government to stop human rights atrocities in the region, despite any negative effects this may have on the recent peace agreement between the government and the southern SPLM/A rebels led by John Garang.

Agencies Want More Aid for Africa

June 17, 2004

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200406160933.html>

Most African countries will take at least 150 years to reach the UN targets set for 2015, a new UK report said yesterday.

Actis Fund to Commit \$350 Million in Africa

June 17, 2004

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200406160963.html>

Actis, the leading private equity fund for emerging markets, has announced that it will commit US\$350 million to investment projects in Africa.

US Congress Says Yes to Key Agoa Bill

June 17, 2004

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200406160939.html>

A Bill vital to Kenya's textile-export sector won overwhelming approval in the US House of Representatives on Monday.

IV) SOMALI NEWSBroad Somali govt can rebuild trust-U.N. official

16 Jun 2004 13:16:11 GMT

<http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L16467108.htm>

ADDIS ABABA, June 16 (Reuters) - The surest way for Somali factions to repair shattered international trust in their failed state is to form an all-inclusive government that would rebuild peace and deter terrorists, a U.N. official said on Wednesday.



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SOMALIA: Committee formed to oversee creation of parliament

[http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=41673&SelectRegion=Horn of Africa&SelectCountry=SOMALIA](http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=41673&SelectRegion=Horn%20of%20Africa&SelectCountry=SOMALIA)

NAIROBI, 15 Jun 2004 (IRIN) - Delegates attending the Somali peace talks in Kenya have nominated members to a committee that will oversee the setting up of a parliament for the strife-torn country. The parliament will in turn elect the president.

V) DJIBOUTI NEWS**16/06/2004 : The Head of the Djibouti Diplomacy maintains with his counterparts of Qatar, Soudan and Turkey**

<http://www.adi.dj/index.htm>

The Minister of the Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation M.Ali Abdi Farah participated in the works of the 31EME session of the Islamic Conference Organization that ended today in Istanbul.

16/06/2004 : Workshop of sensibilisation of the media on the environment

<http://www.adi.dj/index.htm>

The Minister of the Housing, Environment and Urban planning, MR. Abdallah Abdillahi Miguil inaugurated yesterday, to the seat of the UNFD a sensibilisation workshop to the environment financed by the Regional organization for the Conservation of the environment of the Red Sea and aden Gulf and organized by the association for the formation of the women andThe broadcasting one.